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ORLANDO MEN SENTENCED FOR SECURITY VIOLATION AT AIRPORT

Orlando, Florida - U.S. District Judge Gregory A. Presnell today sentenced Angel Diaz and Luis Morales to 3 and 1/2 years' imprisonment each for willfully entering an airport area in violation of security requirements with the intent to commit a felony. Both men have been held without bond since their arrest on August 21, 2004. The two men pleaded guilty to the charge in February 2005.

According to court documents, Angel Diaz was involved in illegally smuggling marihuana, cocaine, and firearms onto Puerto Rico-bound aircraft at the Orlando International Airport (OIA), in Orange County, Florida. Diaz recruited Luis Morales, whom he already knew, to assist him in getting the contraband through OIA security. Morales was an employee of a tenant company at OIA and he had a security badge that authorized him to enter secure and sterile areas of the airport without inspection.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco Firearms & Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bruce S. Ambrose.